

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	19799	<b>Agenda Number</b>	22.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	12/6/2012	<b>Department:</b>	Austin Police Department
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**Subject**

Approve negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin, the City of San Marcos through its police department, Hays County through its Criminal District Attorney's Office and Hays County Sheriff's Department for forensic laboratory analysis services related to law enforcement cases. Related to Item # 21.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

Like all other law enforcement agencies, the San Marcos Police Department, the Hays County Criminal District Attorney's Office, and the Hays County Sherriff's Department (the parties) rely on analysis of physical evidence generated from investigations to resolve offenses. Because the parties do not have the capability to perform such analysis, and because they often experience significant delays in receiving laboratory analysis on evidence gathered during criminal investigations, the parties are sometimes unable to resolve cases in a timely manner.

The City's Police Department includes a Forensic Science Division (division) that performs laboratory analysis on DNA, firearms, toolmark and latent print evidence seized in connection with criminal cases. However, without additional resources, the current number of cases being handled by the division prevents it from assisting other agencies, including the parties, with lab analysis of evidence. Thus, the parties agree that additional funding would enable the division to perform laboratory analysis on evidence for the parties, thereby completing this investigative work more quickly for the parties. Therefore, the parties will collectively fund an additional position within the division, and will pay fees, on a per test or per case basis, for specific testing and analysis as adopted in the city fee schedule.